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Bid to win the South

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE outcome of the Assembly poll in five States and a Union Territory, scheduled to take place this month, will indicate the fortunes of both the Janata Party and Mrs Indira Gandhi for whom it is a question of political survival.

For the Janata Party, the elections must go to wipe out its limited image of belonging to the Hindi belt. Its role should not be just one of capturing power in the States with electoral understanding, but a more vital question of establishing credentials as a truly national organisation.

For the two Congresses, the elections will be a trial of strength after the recent split, and will be utilised by the two groups to demonstrate their hold on the masses while it should provide the substance to their respective claims of being the real Congress.

The national parties have thus jumped into the election arena in the full awareness that it is a question of establishing their respectability at the all-India level.

The States which will decide the fate of the three main political parties consist of Maharashtra, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. While the Janata Party failed to make a distinct mark in the entire South – Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala – during the Lok Sabha election in March last, it registered only partial success in Maharashtra, Assam and West Bengal. It failed miserably in the Assembly poll conducted in June last in the non-Hindi speaking States like Jammu and Kashmir.

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Millionaires are Human, Too!

THREE months ago, a city journalist with time to kill on his hands, idly picked up a scrap of paper lying around after his wife had unpacked the day's groceries. From sheer force of habit, he read through the boxed feature with the somewhat vague title: "Blacks Who've Climbed to the Top of the Hill".

Two paragraphs caught his attention, and he stared in disbelief at the date of publication and the name of the journal at the top of the page. For it was a supplement of the reputed *Los Angeles Times*, and it was dated the 9th of October, 1977.

The feature (or atleast the part of it which he held in his hands) described American blacks who had made it to the millionnaire bracket. Not a very astounding phenomenon to a seasoned newsman, especially when you consider it all happened in a land where liberty, opportunity and equality fought a never-ending battle to be top virtue. And where a Peanut farmer was swept into power by an overwhelmingly deciding black vote.

Mrs. Eula McClaney, the first of the black millionaires in the feature, had called in the police to look for a suspected prowler in her $ 500,000 twenty-two room mansion. The cops found no burglar, but were impressed at the meticulous maintenance of the household. They said: "You know, the folks who own this house must be mighty proud of how nice you girls take care of it for them." It was then that Mrs. McClaney's daughter Ladoris told them. "The folks who own the house are the McClaneys, and that's us".

The journalist thought that that was a pretty disgraceful thing to happen in *anno domini* 1977. What price all the sleek technological advices, the sophisticated living standards, and the "greatest nation" build-up? What was the use of shouting "equal opportunity" and "fraternity" from the rooftops, when you refuse to accept the success of a person who has made it to the top, just because that person is a black?

The patronising cop of Holmby Hills precinct who dropped this colossal brick cannot be dismissed as a stray case. The journalist had nothing but admiration for the pluck and dogged determination of a woman, who undaunted by the constant misery and poverty of the lot of a steelworker's wife, rose above the mire of racial prejudice, illiteracy and the stark disadvantage of having been born a woman, to a peak of success that enabled her to buy a Rothschild mansion in an exclusive Los Angeles suburb.

On an impulse, he wrote and told her so.

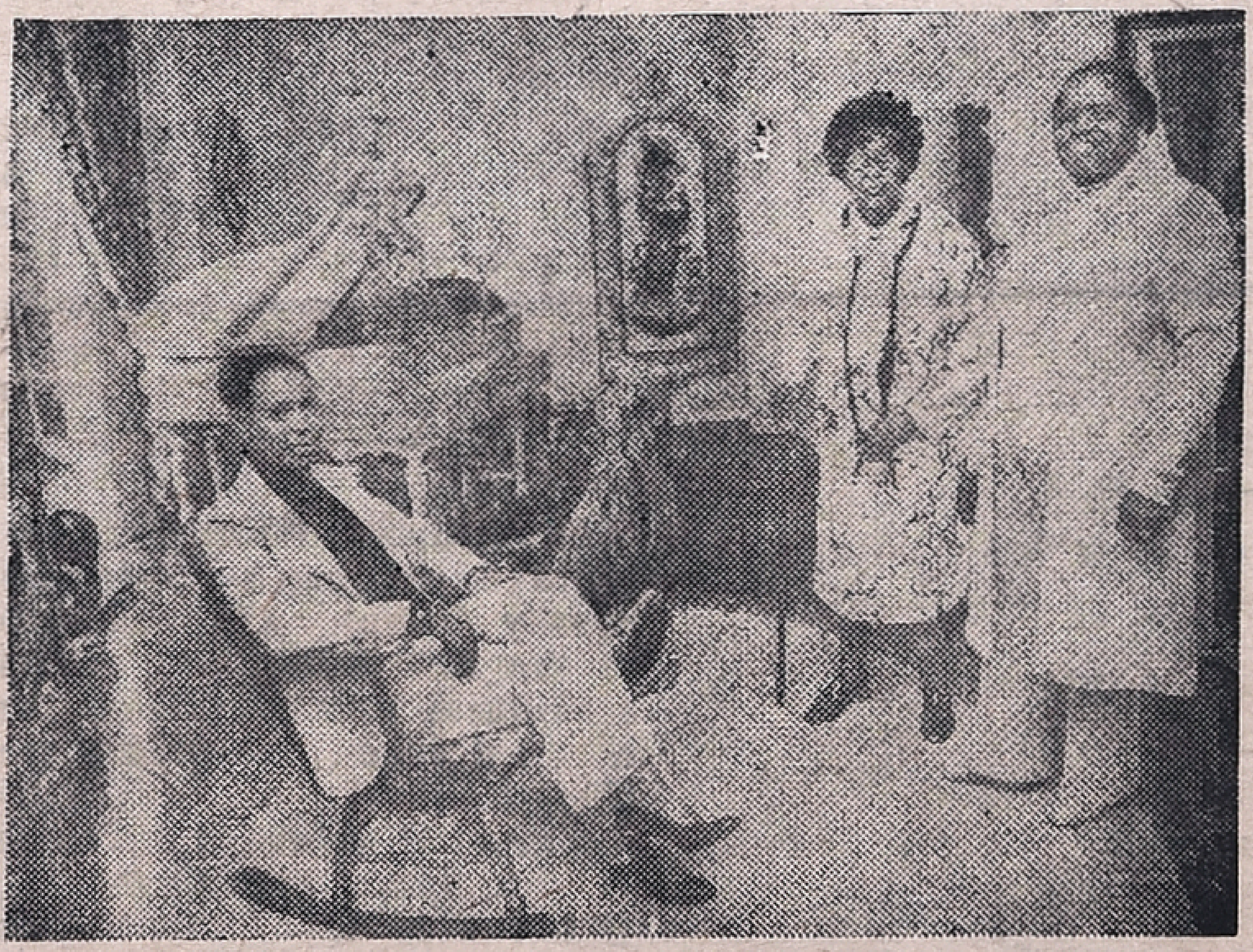
Millionaries, like journalists, are an unpredictable breed. Besides that, they are intensely busy individuals. He had never expected any reply to his letter, much less than be expected it to reach her through a barricade of secretaries.

Imagine then his surprise, and deep sense of gratification, when a letter typed on expensive letter paper, and signed personally by Eula McClaney arrived one morning. It was accompanied by an intimate snapshot of the family, with a warm message of good wishes scribled on the back.

"For me it has been a struggle against overwhelming odds, because I am an uneducated person, a female and black. But despite these odds CAN'T and IMPOSSIBLE are two words that are not part of my vocabulary. I have struggled against enormous odds to to make life better for me and my children. It is not easy, but it is possible. Thank you so much for writing to me".

Which, thought the journalist, was the quality that made humanity so universal

—V.S.



Mrs. Eula McClaney with her mother and daughter in their mansion.

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

I admit that my belief has not become so incarnate in me as to warrant my stating emphatically that I have shed all fear of snakes so as to befriend them as I would like to be able to.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

SUNDAY Feb. 5, 1978

Free India

THE FLAG WITH VITAL ROOTS

EVERY nation's flag has a story to tell and India's Tricolour has such a meaningful past that it is worth being recalled for the benefit of those who have chosen to treat it rather lightly.

According to a Press report, Union Home Minister Charan Singh is believed to have said in a communication to the Union Law Ministry that the flag of the Indian National Congress so resembles the Tricolour that the public and others find it difficult to distinguish one from the other and as such the Party's flag needs to be modified.

At the birth of the Republic of India, the Government, in consulation with elder statesmen belonging to various shades of opinion decided to model the Indian National flag on the lines of the flag adopted by the Indian National Congress which fought for the country's Independence. The similarity in the two flags lies in that while the background of green, white and amber remains constant, the National Flag has the Ashoka Wheel centred on the middle, white background.

Twentynine years have flown by since the creation of the National Flag and it sounds rather odd that somebody should now complain that the authorities including the police "are confused" over the identity of the two flags.

The AICC Secretary General, Mr. V.B. Raju, in a Press statement has expressed his Party's firm resolve to fight for the preservation of "the Party flag, whatever might be the sacrifice"

The Congress not only fought for the freedom of India, but it also ingrained in its own Constitution certain ideals which it thought worthwhile achieving for the millions of its countrymen.

The flag itself was fashioned after the three cardinal principles of Propreity (green); Purity (white); and Sacrifice (amber). The first Constituent Assembly recognised this symbolic expression and thought it fit to incorporate the sentiment into the National Flag as well.

It so happens that the Congress flag and the National flag are complementary to each other—a rare coincidence in the history of any nation that needs to be preserved.

The Congress cannot be expected to remodel its own flag and give up its symbolic representations just because the policeman on the street is not sure whether he is saluting a party flag or the Indian Tricolour.

Of Men And Matters

Dignity For The Dead

WHEN the sick are treated like chattel in most of our hospitals, the move now to render respectability to the dead in the city morgues must be accepted as an act of benevolence and must be given the recognition it deserves.

Although there is very little difference in the appearance and upkeep between the wards where the patients are resting and the mortuary where the dead are kept, the relatives of the dead receive a rude shock when they are taken to the mortuary building to identify and take charge of the body.

The stench is unbearable and the bodies stripped to the skin are seen piled one over the other.

All patients who die in the hospitals are subject to autopsy and after the post-mortem tests, the bodies are returned to the mortuary and they are clumsily thrown about. The sight is so ghastly and revolting that frightens ordinary people.

The present mortuary at the Government General hospital in Madras was built to accommodate no more than 20 bodies at a time some 70 years ago. With the increased rush at the hospitals for beds and more people dying, there is little space to accommodate all of them. The exposed bodies are lined up on the floor for all to see.

The authorities now feel that the time has arrived to give the bodies some respectability and have decided to construct a bigger building with cold storage facilities.

Inaugurating the modernised mortuary at the GH, Dr. B. Ramamurthi, Principal, Madras Medical College, made a spirited plea for a change of attitude among the people, particularly in South India, in regard to the importance of conducting autopsy on the dead. He said post-mortem would help medical men to have better insight into the causes of diseases. We may not want to deny dignity to the dead, but at the same time, the sick need cleaner beds and timely care.

—DEEVEE.

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Bid to win the South

West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. Its recent performance in Tripura too was disastrous.

The overwhelming success achieved by the ruling party in the Hindi-speaking areas, as contrasted with its poor show in the rest of the country only served to emphasise the Janata Party's character as belonging to a select region.

The Janata Party's position in the ensuing Assembly election is thus very crucial as seen by new areas in which it has to stake its claim. The degree of its success now will enable the party to emerge as a really national-based party – a position once held by the Indian National Congress.

The Janata has other lessons to be learnt. For instance, if only its topmen realise the value and worth of its allies and are conscious that the type of the high and mighty attitude displayed by them at the time of the last Assembly election towards the CPM in West Bengal and the National Conference and Sheikh Abdullah in Jammu and Kashmir would not pay this time, they stand a good chance of gaining better results at the poll.

This explains the two striking elements of the present approach On the one hand, the party is stooping to rub off the regional (Hindi) image and to acquire a national tag and, on the other, it has taken care not to spurn the offers and suggestions for alliance of adjustment with the parties,—big or small—with which there is no direct clash of interest of ideology.

The compulsions for Congress (I) and the parent body are equally obvious. After the rout in the Lok Sabha poll, and its subsequent loss of power in the northern states, the hold of the Congress (undivided) was confined to a few islands of influence in the South and North-East. Unless they both improve on their previous performance, the place of Congressmen in the affairs of the nation may be wiped off forever.

For, Mrs. Gandhi, there is an additional compulsion—the same that led her to split the party for the second time. She expects her party to be an effective instrument, apart from other things, for countering the many challenges she would face in the days to come.

Mr. Reddy's Congress suffers from one great disavantage. By condemning the Janata party for lack of effectiveness on the economic sphere, it would be indirectly helping to build up the image of Mrs Gandi and her new party who are bent upon swearing by the 20 point programme that it alone was the panacea for the down-trodden people. If Mr Reddy and Mr Chavan were to soft peddle against the Janata, that stance would only confirm Mrs Gandhi's charge that the party is no different from Janata Party.

Man-Eating Mice

As if they did not have enough to do as it is, British Embassy officials in Saudi Arabia are confronted by the problem of what to do about the vast number of mice that do not leave them in peace day and night. The Ambassador himself has been twice bitten by mice. He wrote about it to the London Times. Driven to desperation by the frugal diet available in the kitchen, he said, the mice were becoming anthrophagous. The Foreign Office, to whom the complaint was indirectly addressed, reacted in the usual phlegmatic way. Its spokesman said; "There is no allowance for mousetrap cheese".

God Can Be Realised Says Swami Kesavaiahji

HIS Holiness, Swami Kesavaiahji, the founder President of Sri Saibaba Bhakta Samajam, Madras, visited Vijayawada and Vuyyuru at the request of Sri Saibaba Bhakta Brundam, Vijayawada, between 24th and 29th of January.

On 26th January, 1978, Thursday, Swamiji performed puja to Sri Saibaba of Shirdi at the residence of Dr. U. Venkata Ratnam, distributed Udhi and prasadam and gave solution to the various problems of hundreds of devotees. Among them were many notable personalities from all walks of life like Lawyers, Doctors, businessmen, with their families. Devotees have come not only from Vijayawada but also from far of places like Tadepalli, Guntur, Masula, Kareemnagar; Nalagonda and Rajahmundry etc. Swamiji visited Vuyyuru on 27th and performed puja to Sri Saibaba of Shirdi at Sri Sai Nilayam on 28th January, 1978 and distributed Udhi and Prasadam, to the devotees. Swamiji also visited Sai Mandir under construction and gave valuable suggestions. Swamiji addressed a public meeting of devotees at Rice Millers Association Hall, at Vijayawada in the evening of 28th Jan., 78. Dr. T. V. S. Chelapathi Rao presided over the meeting. Professor N. G. Ranga and Mallela Sreerama Murthy spoke ab ut their experiences with Swamiji. Dr. Chelapathi Rao introduced Swamiji to the audience as one of the greatest rishis of the Indian Nation. He said by Swamiji's grace and by the treatment of Dr. U. Venkata Ratnam his life was saved four years ago when he had a heart attack. He narrated his experience when he met Swamiji during his last visit. He spoke at length about the efficacy of Swamiji touching the forehead of devotees with Baba's Udhi and Swamijis blessing the devotees by placing his hand on the heads of the Devotees. He said that Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi is an Avatara Purusha and an ardent Devotee. Swami Kesavaiahji is blessing thousands of devotees that are spread over the length and breath of the country. Earlier the meeting commenced with a prayer and Dr. U Venkata Ratnam read the Welcome address presented by Sri Sai Bhakt Brundam, Vijayawada to Swamiji.

H H. Sri Swami Kesavaiahji has been propagating the Sai cult in a scientific manner through out the length and breadth of the nation. He has been serving the suffering humanity over the last 43 years touring the various parts of the country, says the welcome address presented to him.

Addressing the huge gathering of devotees Swamiji said that Sri Sai Baba nev r said to leave one's household diety and worship him alone. Baba always enquired whether the devotees have worshiped their Is a Devata before visiting him. Though a Devotee like Prahlada saw God face to face he never said that he is God. Swamiji emphatitically declared that man can never become God. Swamiji descr bed Baba's advent at Shirdi. No body knew of his great spiritual powers for a long time.

Swamiji said "It is enough if you think of God as Easwara or Venkata Ramana or by any name. People do not think of God but they ques ion about the existence of God. There were no battalions or bombs with Gandhiji but he won independence for us with faith in God and Geetha in hand. God is there. He can be realised. One can follow any religion and reach the goal. There is no conflict among religions. Sri Sai Baba said that even after his Maha Samadhi his bones will speak to the devotees".

Swamiji said that during his previous visit a lady devotee was brought before him who was very sick and every body said that she will die. But he touched her forehead and saw Anjineyaswamy and gave some instructions to worship him. Afterwards Baba made her to walk and now she is alright by his grace. He further said "I can not become Sai Baba even after 128 births. God is in your heart. Your heart is a temple. Do some charity. It will protect you". He advised the devotees to adhere to the truth. Do not aspire for other's properties. Don't be jelous. Be Charitable. Be grateful to your benefactors. Ingratitude is the henious sin. Swamiji narrated the experience of Sri Tatya Patel and how Baba gave his life to save him; of Sri Nana Saheb Chandorker and how Baba saved his daughter's life at the time of her delivery; G. S. Khaparde and how Baba transfered upon himself the plague boboos of his son; Dr. Pilley and how Baba removed his Karma in 10 days which he wanted to be transfered to 10 more future births. Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi is a Jagatguru.

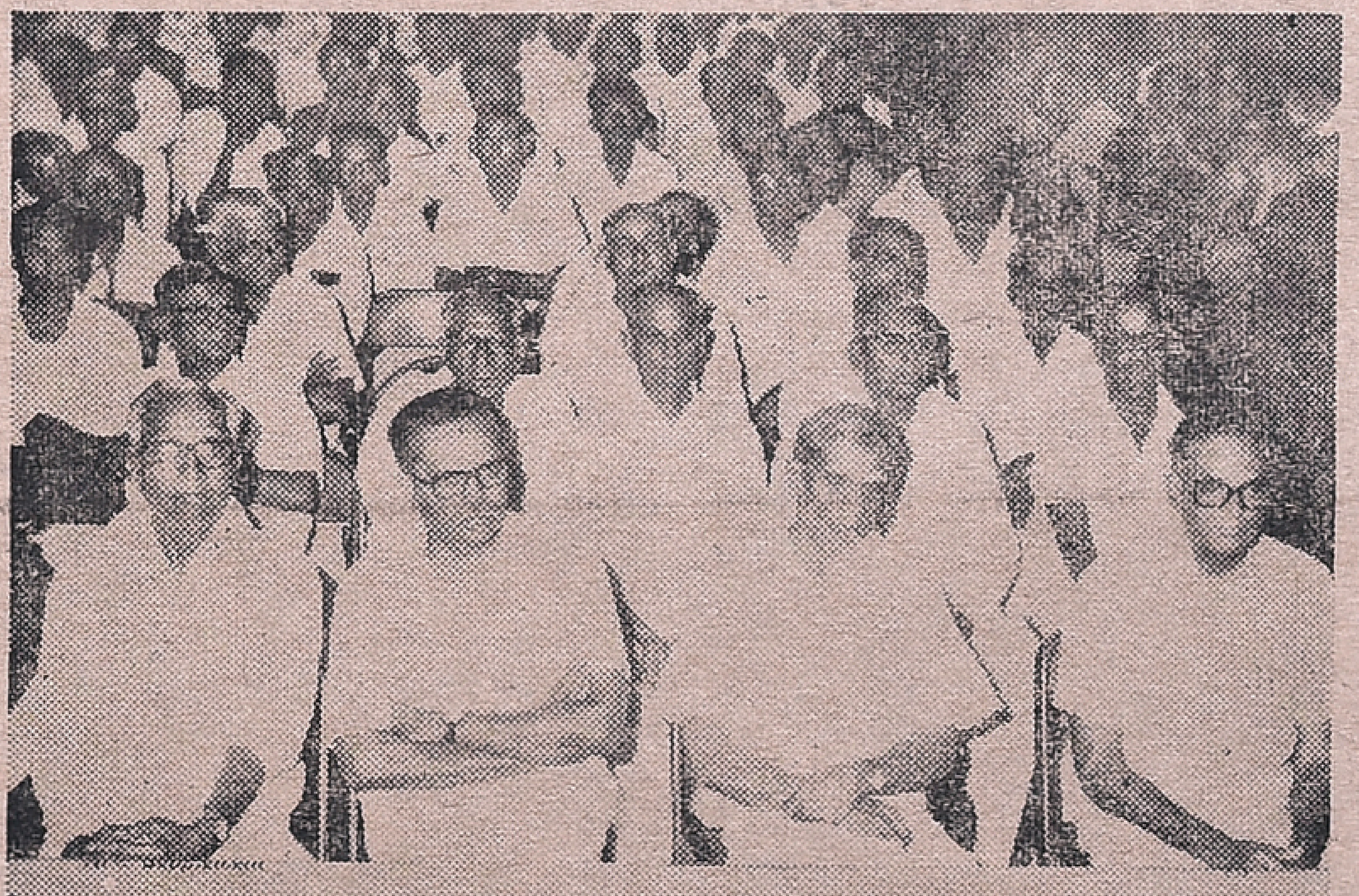
Swamiji addressing the gathering. L to R:—Prof: N.G. Ranga, Swamiji, Dr. T. V. S. Chelapathi Rao and Sri Mallela Sreerama Moorthy

Speaking to the huge gathering of ladies, Swamiji exhorted them to look after their house-hold work sincerely and said it is their primary responsibility to bring up their children by cultivating good habits and dev tion to God, with reverence to the parents and the Guru. They should curb the growing indispline among the children.

At the end Swamiji appealed to the Devotees to strengthen the hands of Dr. U. Venkata Ratnam in-forming a Samajam and developing the Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir constructed by the doctor near Stella Maris College Vijayawada. Swamiji said it will very soon become a great pilgrimage centre and who so-ever visits the temple and worships Sai Baba will be benefited and all his desires will be fulfilled.

Sri P. Venkateswarao proposed a vote of thanks.

At the end Swamiji distributed Udhi to all the devotees.



Section of the devotees that attended the meeting at Vijayawada FRONT ROW—R. to L:Dr. Venkata Ratnam M. D., Sri Satyam of Vijaya Pictures, Sri Jagannatha Rao, Plant Manager K. C. P. Ltd. Vuyyuru, Sri Veerabhadra Rao, Director, K. C. P. Ltd.

U. S. Edible Oil For India

THE United States and India signed an agreement on a long-term, low-interest loan to India for the purchase of up to 60,000 metric tons of edible oils this year, recently at New Delhi.

The commodity agreement, under Title I of the U.S. Public Law 480 and worth $ 27,800,000 (approximately Rs. 22.4 crores), was signed U.S. Ambassador Robert F. Goheen and Dr. Manmohan Singh, Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance.

P.L. 480 Title I commodity sales agreements, a part of the long term U.S. assistance to India, have been made between the two nations since 1956. In addition, the United States has sent millions of additional tons of foods to India under Title II of the assistance programme on a grant basis through voluntary agencies.

In February of last year the United States and India signed a similar agreement worth $26 million.

The newly signed agreement, provides for India to import up to 60,000 tons soybean and/or cotton-seed oil during the current U.S. fiscal year which ends September 30, 1978. The 27,800,000 loan is for a 41-year period with an interest rate of between two and three per cent per year. First payment of principal becomes due in ten years, that is 1988. Payments are to be made in U.S. dollars.

FUN AND LAUGHTER

HOWLERS

Correcting examination papers at a certain university is not all dull routine. Now and then the professors come across some choice "bener" like these.

"The dome of St. Clement's is supported by eight peers, all of which are unfortunately cracked".

"Browning wrote principally heroic cul let".

"Shagespeare lived at Windsor with his merry wives".

"A spinster is a bachelor's wife."

"The object of 'he' is 'she'!"

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ADVICE

Joan: "What kind of husband do you advise me to get?"

Jane: "You get a single man and leave the husbands alone".

DEFT DEFINITIONS

Suitcase: Something you sit on while waiting for the train.

Small Town: Any town smaller than the one you live in.

Strapless Bathing Suit: A compromise between the law of decency and the law of gravity.

Vacation: A trip to put you in the pink—and leave you in the red!

Vacation Time: That period when the flowers in the home garden are at their best and only the neighbours are around to enjoy them.

Window Screen: A device to prevent the escape of insects.

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MANNERS!

My grandfather was a gracious gentleman. But sometimes he carried his charming traits to what might strike most persons as at least a slight excess.

Once I was walking with him in the Rue Royale. We came upon a blind man begging alms.

"Give these to the man," he directed, handing me some small coins.

I dropped them into the beggar's hat and rejoined my grandfather.

As we walked on I was gently reprimanded. "You should have touched your cap. Always do that in giving alms".

"But not to him". I remonstrated: "he's blind".

"Ah," said my grandfather, "how do you know? He may be a faker".

EVER CHANGING

Picking up his car at a garage, a doctor was indignant at the size of his repair bill.

"All this for just a few hours work?" he protested. "Why you charge more for your work than we do in the medical profession!"

"Well, now," said the mechanic "that's just how it should be. You doctors have been working on the same old model ever since time began while we mechanics have to learn a brand new model every year!"

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AGE OF INNOCENCE

A little boy asked his aged grandmother why she was always praying and grandma gladly gave her reasons, the last and most important being her great desire to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The boy thought seriously for a moment before replying: "Gee: grandma. I'll bet you pray enough to take a few friends in with you".

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TOO GOOD!

Tramp: "Lady, I'm starving."

Lady: "Here's a penny. But tell me, how did you become so poor?"

Tramp: "I was just like you —too extravagant!"

AT A LOSS

Mistress: "Mary, I do wish you would realize that when master leaves his shoes outside the bedroom door it means that he wants them cleaned".

Maid: "Yes, ma'am. And what does it mean when he leaves them outside the front door?"

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BITTER BIT

A woman bustled into an empty compartment on a train with her flock of four children and made them cluster up to the window so that people in the station would believe the compartment was full. Despite this deception, a ragged and unshaven man entered and took a seat.

The woman glared at him for a moment, then said. "I don't think you'd better stay; my children all have measles".

"Don't worry about me, lady". said the man. "I've 'ad 'em myself".

Very annoyed by this time, the woman protested, "But they're also developing whooping cough."

The man looked up wearily. "Look, lady," he said, "don't worry about that. The first tunnel we enter I'm going to cut my throat".

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STILL AT IT!

So (doing school homework): "Say, pa, the teacher wants me to find the greatest common divisor".

Pa: "Good gosh, is that thing still lost? The teacher had me hunting for it when I went to school".

RECORD OUTPUT OF TRACTORS

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As more and more progressive farmers of our country take to mechanisation of farming, the demand for tractors is growing up steadily. Hence tractor manufacturing in India gained momentum and in the month of December 1977 alone the country's manufacturers have turned out 3992 tractors from their assembly lines. It is about 54 per cent higher than the production achieved in the same month in the previous year which was only 2599. In the last nine months beginning April 1977, 28,000 tractors have rolled out of the factories.

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Iranian Woman: Yesterday And Today

WOMAN and Man, according to the Avestan Account of Creation, were equal and females were even included among the angels. Over 2500 years ago, women enjoyed the privileges and rights set forth by Cyrus the Great in his historical Declaration of Human Rights. Ancient literature clearly describes that the Persians held women in high esteem in the Pre-Islamic era. Islamic teachings extend to women privileges comparable to those in progressive societies today—economic independence, ownership right, rights in business transactions, etc.

During the later part of the nineteenth century, public and private schools and teachers training college for girls were established in Iran and the beginning of this century witnessed a positive diversification in women's activities. However, meaningful liberation awaited the reforms of Reza Shah the Great, who banned the custom of veil and, for women's intellectual development, gave priority to the extension of educational opportunities both within and outside Iran. His reforms opened new vistas for the Iranian Woman and they displayed their talent and ability in all walks of life.

However, World War II and the conditions for some years thereafter created by the then international powers retarded all progress, including that of women.

The White Revolution instituted in 1963 by His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr brought about a Renaissance in social, cultural, economic and other fields. Then onwards, Iranian women have demonstrated their determination to achieve full partnership with men: They not only got the right to vote but got elected to city and provincial councils. Since its inception, the White Revolution has had an undeniable influence on the education of Iranian women up to the highest level.

Among others, the Iranian Women's Organization under the august guidance of its President Her Imperial Highness Princess Ashraf Pahlavi has since its establishment in 1967 not only promoted the welfare of the Iranian women but has given a fillip to their activities hough its Committees on Education, Health & Family Welfare Employed Women, Culture, University Students, International Affairs, etc.

In 1974, the Organization had 213 branches, 72 welfare centres and 3474 vocational training and literacy classes. During that year, 114,291 patients benefited from the Organization's family planning clinics and 9,366 cases were referred to its legal sections.

MEETING RURAL ENERGY NEEDS

UN Expert Envisages $100 Billion Plan

NEARLY 40 per cent of the population of the developing countries in the "solar belt"—now totalling about one billion - live in about one million villages. They are scattered in areas far removed from the large centres of economic activity but they themselves are centres of production.

They are also possessed of many renewable sources of energy in the form of solar energy, wind power and biomass which can be harnessed individually or in combination to meet the basic energy needs of small rural communities.

To make use of these resources there is need, according to Dr. I.H Usmani, Senior Energy Adviser to the United Nations Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport (CNRET), for a 20-year programme involving an estimated expenditure of $ 100 billion.

He called for such a programme in a keynote address to an International Conference on Alternative Energy Sources convened recently in Miami.

NUCLEAR OPTION

Expressing deep concern over the "nuclear option" on grounds of the evident hazards of proliferation as well as cost and other controversial aspects, he suggested that the impact of nuclear power plants as producers of energy "will remain limited only to a few countries in the world".

Holding that extension of the power grid to rural areas is too capital-intensive and that the use of diesel power generation in remote villages is too expensive in view of the high price of oil, Dr. Usmani stated that "there is a third World villages, and that is to make rural electrification through renewable sources of energy".

ENERGY CENTRES

Accordingly, Dr. Usmani proposed the establishment of rural energy centres of small-scale power generators combined with storage facilities based on the use of solar, wind and biomass conversion into electricity. Three such centres are currently being set up in Sri Lanka, Senegal and Mexico with funding from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

He called for a "World Plan of Action" to provide energy to the poorest one million villages by the end of the century through the establishment of such facilities.

Referring to the $ 100 billion investment over the next 20 years that would be required, Dr. Usmani stated: "It appears to be a very ambitious target, but not in the context of the purchase of weapons by the developing countries to the extent of nearly $28 billion per year, and the development aid that flows from the rich countries to the poor".

RADAR REPAIR LORRY

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Radars are sophisticated equipment that locate the enemy planes' position in the air so that the ground force can bring the plane down by ground fire. Hence it is absolutely important that the radars are in trim condition. To maintain and repair the radars positioned in strategic points the engineers in the Defence department have built a work unit with important sophisticated instruments and fitted it on the Shakthiman truck chasis manufactured in our country. Picture shows a Radar Repair Lorry ready to move on a mission.

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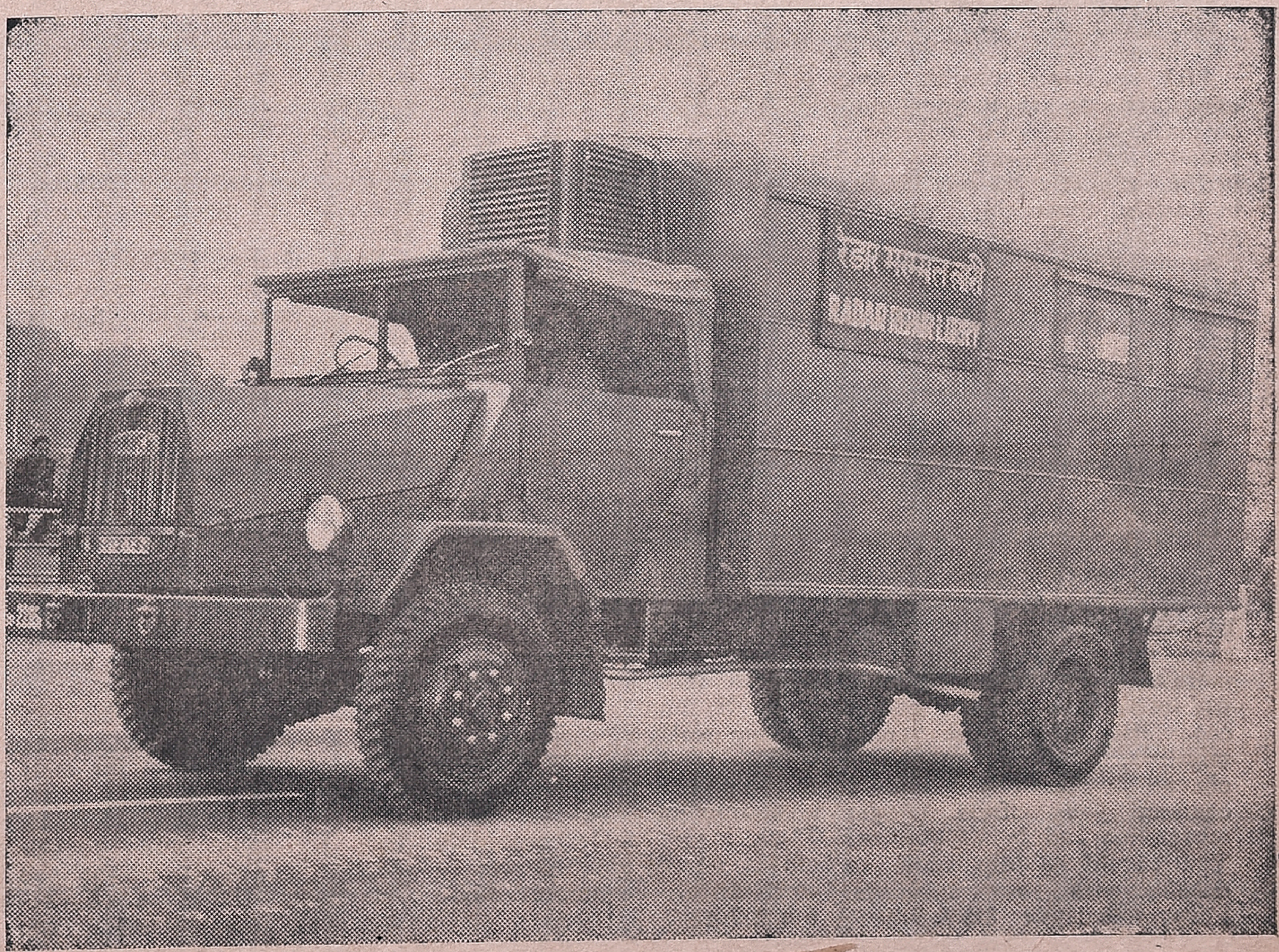

For The Week 5th February To 11th February 1978

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THE whole week will be progressive. You can go ahead with your plans. There is scope for financial improvement. Domestic responsibility will increase. There is need for patience. You should continue your efforts in your business. You can expect better results in the near future. Favourable days: 5th & 6th.

VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THERE is speculative attraction this week. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Official atmosphere will be normal. But avoid friction with associates. Family members will be co-operative. Keep an eye on children. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Change of place is indicated for some. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days ; 8th & 9th.

MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THE week starts with an opportunity to renew your old contacts. Business will improve. Promotional possibilities are bright. Property matters could be finalised favourably. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Financial position will improve. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days : 10th & 11th.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THIS week shows mixed results. Financial position will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Family responsibility will increase, but you can expect cooperation from your family members. There is no major change in office. You should continue your efforts to get recognition and better position. You should be diplomatic in dealing with your superiors. Favourable days : 8th & 9th.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

MOST of the week is favourable. But you must be prepared for financial problems. The position will improve by the end of this week. You should try to finalise partnership arrangements. Professional prospects are better. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. But you may have to take up some additional responsibility. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 6th & 7th.

KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

THE week shows ordinary results. You should wait for some more time to implement your plans. Avoid taking up additional responsibilities in office. Also avoid friction with associates. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 8th & 9th.

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THE first part of the week stimulates entusiasm and success in efforts. Renew your contacts and try to complete your outstanding work. Correspondence will be favourable. Family happiness is assured. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Avoid long distance journeys. Favourable days : 9th & 10th.

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THIS week shows mixed results. You will be able to complete some of the long pending works. Financial position will cause some anxiety. But you will be able to raise considerable amount by the end of this week. There is no major change in office. Family members will be cooperative. Favourable days : 6th & 7th.

DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

THIS week's results will be ordinary. You should try consolidate the gains, instead of expanding your activities. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Domestic scene will be cloudy. Avoid arguments with elders. Also keep an eye on children. Short distance journey is indicated. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 9th & 10th.

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

THIS week opens with an opportunity to diversify your activities. You will be launching new projects and developing new contacts. Financial position will improve. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised, favourably. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Health requires attention. Favourable days : 9th & 10th.

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THIS week is favourable to finalise financial matters. You will be able to find new sources of income. Promotional possibilities are bright. With some tact and diplomacy you will be able to gain the attention of your superiors. Property matters could be finalised, favourably. Family atmosphere will be cloudy, Partnership matters require attention. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days ; 8th & 9th.

MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THIS week you will be able to complete some of long pending works. You should also try to consolidate the gains already achieved. Financial position will be satisfactory. Domestic scene will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Partnership matters require attention. Change of place is indicated for some. Favourable days : 7th & 8th.

Muscovite's Diary

IVAN IVANOV

INDIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS

THE Soviet Weekly MOSCOW NEWS published an article by Dr. J. S. Teja, Charge d'Affaires of India in the USSR on the occasion of India's Republic day.

One of the greatest achievements of Independent India was the unity it managed to create amidst the diversity of languages, religions, races and cultural groups.

In the external sphere, India has faithfully followed the policy of peace, non-alignment, friend hip and good-neighbourly relations.

Economical y, India is now one of the ten major industrial countries in the world. She is virtually self-sufficient in consumer goods and a wide variety of iron and steel products. There have been notable increases in production in nearly every important sector of industry.

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MOSCOW-WASHINGTON DIRECT CUMMUNICATION

CHANNELS of direct communication via space between the capitals of the USSR and the USA have been put into operation.

The ground hot line between the Kremlin and the White House is in operation for more than 14 years now. Space exploration opened up new opportunities for rapid and reliable communication between the two countries. Under a Soviet-American agreement two channels of space communication have been created. Under this agreement the Soviet Union provides communication via its Molniya satellites, and the United States via its Intelsat satellites. with terminal stations operating on its territories of each country.

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SPECIAL LOCOMOTIVES

THE diesel locomotive which will be put into service on the Baikal-Amur railway (BAM), now under construction in the USSR, will be the most powerful in the world. It will have four sections with a capacity of 6,000 HP each.

Trains which will be run on BAM will be the heaviest - up to 10,000 tons—and they will be driven by unique Herculean locomotives. Tests of the locomotive 2TE-116 have been completed on the Far Eastern railway. It has been designed at the Voroshilovgrad diesel locomotive plant.

The electric locomotive for the Baikal Amur railway is also being designed. The Novocherkassk electric locomotive plant has turned out an experimental batch of locomotives of an enhanced capacity. This eight-axled locomotive has a distinctive feature—unusual brakes have been installed on it. On the way down, the engine turns both into a brake and a generator producing electricity and transmit it to the contact network.

Suspended Jockey Can Now Complete His Riding Engagements

By "SNAPPER"

NOT many racegoers at Guindy knew that when apprentice jockey Kripal Singh rode William Tell to a facile victory three weeks ago that the Stewards of MRC had suspended him the previous day on not being satisfied with his explanation on a complaint of faulty riding on one of his mounts on Saturday, January 21.

This practice of permitting a suspended jockey to complete the rest of his engagements the following day is nothing unusual in racing rules, but this is the first time that a Club in India has put it into vogue. Normally, when a jockey is suspended after an enquiry, the rest of his engagements for the day and thereafter are automatically cancelled pending completion of the investigation into the incident.

Similar to the convention adopted by the racing authorities in England, the Madras Race Club has now thought it fit that in the interest of the owners who have engaged a jockey to ride for them in subsequent races, a suspended jockey should be allowed to complete the engagement for which a firm commitment had been made.

POPULAR JACKPOT

It was pleasant to realise that 100 punters were able to solve the carried- over jackpot last Sunday despite the fact that the card appeared to be a tricky one. Except for Bright Fair in the 1st leg and Dearest in the fifth leg which was an outsider, the rest of the winners were favourites which enabled easy solution.

Jockey Smith who came from Bangalore to ride Major Role did a fine piece of horsemanship to overtake Abbahy Singh on Observation who looked a winner all over until Smith asked Major Role for the final burst, and he responded magnificently.

In Bright Fair's race, I was having a close watch on the performances of three new entrants for this season at Guindy in River Man, Winged Light and Turbulence and of these, the second named appears to be ready for the fray when next saddled.

New Uses For Farm Crops

It is quite possible that within a decade farmers will be raising field crops for purposes other than food

At the United States Department of Agriculture's Northern Research Center in Peoria, Illinois, agricultural scientists are creating amazing new compounds from field crops.

W.M Doane, a leader of one of the research teams, explains that hundreds of commercial and consumer products in use today are made from expensive petroleum-derived synthetic compounds called polymers. Mr. Doane and his fellow scientists are creating whole "families" of polymer compounds from such grain crops as corn, wheat, sorghum, barley and oats.

Basically, polymers are used in manufacturing rubber plastic products. By modifying chains of plant starch molecules and mixing them with various synthetic polymers, plant scientists have been able to produce a number of hybrid compounds with unusual properties.

One off shoot of a hybrid plant polymer is called "super sluper". This product can absorb hundreds of times its weight in liquids and is currently being evaluated for use in disposable diapers and bandages. Agronomists are also testing "super sluper" in sandy soils to retain moisture.

Research teams in Peoria are testing other plant starches for manufacturing bio-degradable, plastic type products such as disposable eating trays and utensils.

New forms of modified plant starch are also finding their way into other products. One of these is anthan gum. Industry uses anthan gum as a thickening agent in products ranging from salad dressing to water- base paint.

The list of possible new uses for plant polymers seems almost endless. Processing developments now under way could make such crops as wheat, oats, cotton, sorghum, alfalfa, and rice even more valuable. Moreover, and probably of the greatest importance, crop polymers represent a renewable source while present petroleum polymers are based on the ever diminishing supply of crude oil.

SATURDAY RACES

The following are the runners for the extra day's races to be run at Guindy on Saturday, February 4, 1978.

1. EVEREST PLATE
1500 Metres 2-30 p m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. B

1. Multi Rock 60, 2. Jay Bird 58, 3. Arabesque 58, 4 Sai Kirthi 57, 5. Bhima 45½.

2. KRISHNA PLATE
1200 Metres 3-10 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. IV
6 years old & upwards

1. Gretel 60, 2. Green Feathers 58½, 3. Kitchini 57½, 4. Red Sun 54, 5. Fire Blast 51, 6. God's Gift 48, 7. Pen Friend 48, 8. Avishkar 46, 9. Winged Light 46.

3. TIRUCHENDUR PLATE
1200 Metres 3 45 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. A

1. Uthrashaada 60, 2. Double Star 57½, 3. Khan of Khoristan 53½, 4. Prince Bharat 52½, 5. Red Prince 51½, 6. Rummy & Show 50½, 7. Kanakadara 50, 8. Loyal Turk 49½, 9. Sweet Remembrance 48, 10. Reconcile 47.

4. GURUVAYUR PLATE
1600 Metres 4-20 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. A
6 years old & upwards

1. Sangalpam 60, 2. Prunella 56, 3. Scotch Frolic 52½, 4. Flying Lochinvar 52, 5. Eastern Goddess 50½, 6. Lucky Scot 49, 7. Bonnie Bree 49, 8. Even Time 48, 9. Gambling Gangster 48, 10. Amanta 47, 11. Carousel 47.

5. UDIPI PLATE
1000 Metres 4-55 p.m.
H'cap for Ind horses in Cl. B
6 years old & upwards

1. Big Splash 60, 2. Madam X 59, 3. Lycopodium 58, 4. Bright Baraloy 56, 5. Super Lady 53½, 6. Ben D'Or 51, 7. Gold Bond 49½, 8. Tonto 47, 9. Sweetness 45½, 10. Steel Blue 45½, 11. Pepego 45½.

6. AJANTA PLATE
1200 Metres 5-30 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. IV

1. River Man 60, . Crackerjack 58, 3. Magic Flash 53½, 4. Medalist 52½, 5. King Midas 52.

JACKPOT :—2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
1st TREBLE :—1, 2 & 3.
2nd TREBLE :—4, 5 & 6.
1st DOUBLE :—2 & 3.
2nd DOUBLE :—4 & 5.
1st TANALA Race : 3.
2nd TANALA Race : 5.

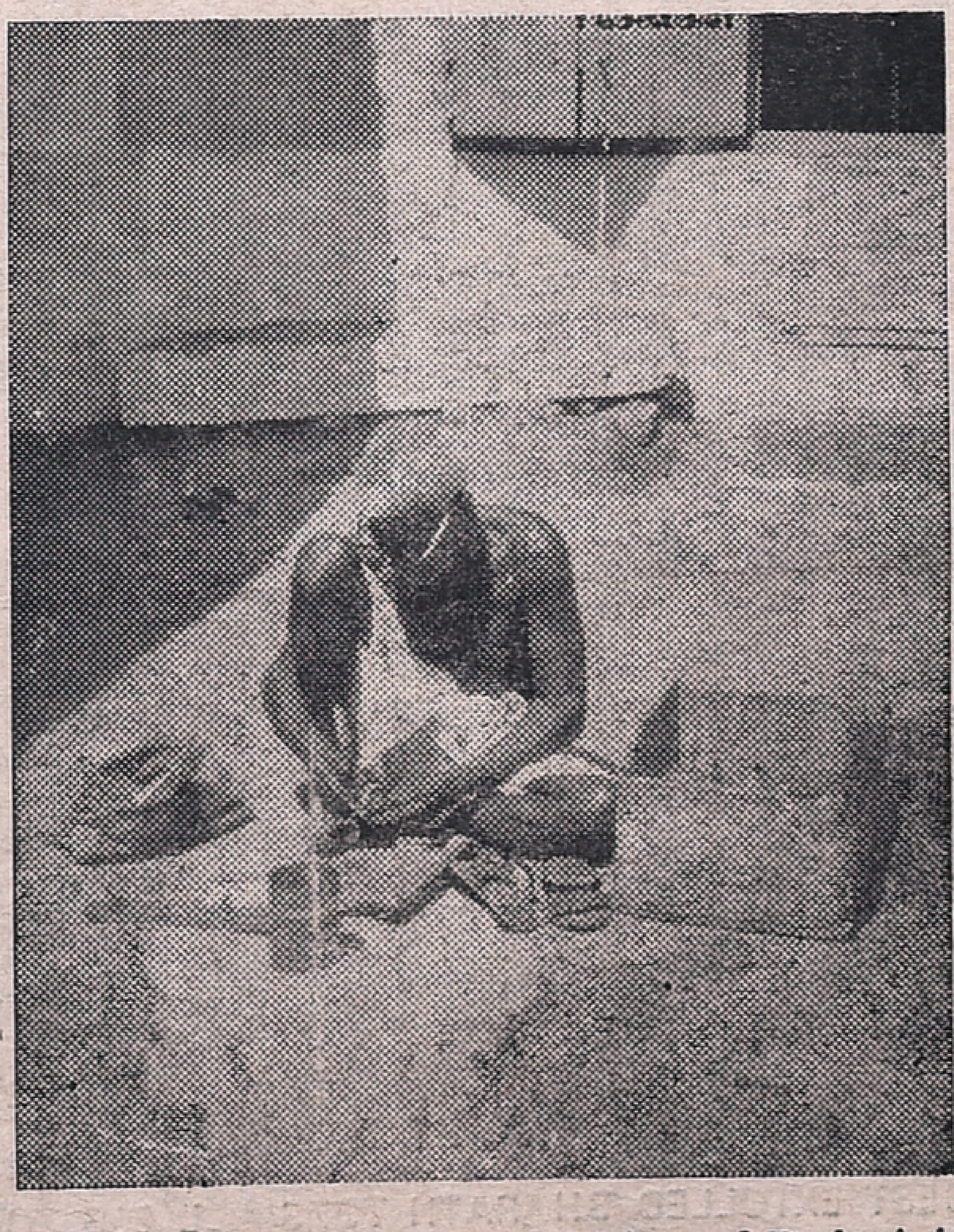
Snapper's Selections

I	Jay Bird	1
	Bhima	2
II	Avishkar	1
	Kitchini	2
III	Rummy & Show	1
	Reconcile	2
IV	Gambling Gangster	1
	Lucky Scot	2
V	Bright Baraloy	1
	Tonto	2
VI	Crackerjack	1
	River Man	2

Best Bet,
Rummy & Show

Hopeless Case

According to the World Health Organization, 33 out of every 10,000 persons of 45 years of age and over die every year in industrially developed countries from cancer of the lung caused by smoking. The numerous measures to combat smoking have so far brought no tangible results. The owner of a small instrument-making plant in Japan, has decided to tackle the problem in his own way. Since 1968 he has been paying a special premium to his workers who have dropped the harmful habit, with the result that twenty of the 26 persons he employs have stopped smoking. The owner himself is a chain smoker and considers his own case hopeless. As twenty years ago, he still smokes three packets of cigarettes a day.



Seventy year old Royappan is a cobbler of Tenkasi in Tamil Nadu. His craftsmanship has stood him in good stead and has helped him earn his livelihood. He is confident and happy.

Lala And Mohinder

By P.N. SUNDARESAN

One of the successes of the Indian team, which concludes its tour of Australia this week was Mohinder Amarnath. The youngster was largely instrumental in bolstering up the middle of the Indian batting with his courageous strokeplay, which put an end to the bogey of fast bowling and the invincibility of Jeff Thomson, the Australian speed merchant. Amarnath hit up a century in the second test in the second innings and if he had completed his hundred in the first innings also instead of getting out at 90, he would have emulated the f at of Vijay Hazare against Australia during India's tour of 1946-47.

Another aspect of Mohinder Amarnath's success on the tour was the memories that they kindled of the exploits of his father, Lala Amarnath, when the latter led the first Indian tour of Australia Lala earned the respect of the entire Australian cricketing fraternity by his brilliant batsmanship on the tour though he failed in the Tests. Victor Richardson, the well-known all-rounder, wrote that no captain could have done more for his side than Lala by the manner in which he led the team's batting

A charge frequently laid at the doors of Lala is that he was a failure in tests, and did not add a single hundred to the brilliant three-figure knock he played in his doubt against England at Bombay in 1933-34 But this is an accusation that does not take all the circumstances of Lala's career. He was perhaps at the peak of his form when India visited England for the second time in 1936 and, would have really fared well in the Tests if he had not been sent back before the series began on an alleged charge of indiscipline Then the war intervened and when test matches were resumed, another ten years had elapsed, and Lala also had passed his peak as a batsman. He had entered the thirties then.

It is anybody's guess how many centuries Lala would have notched up during those ten years if there had been international contests. Especially as Lala did score a few cen uries in the unofficial tests played in these years. The frequenters to Chepauk will particularly remember his century against the Australian Services team for its technical excellence and courageous strokeplay. Lala really pulverised the Australian bowling which contained Keith Miller and Cecil Pepper, to name two skilful exploiters of the ball. Though Rusi Modi followed with a double century his innings could not stand comparison with Lala's.

I was and even today am an unashamed admirer of Lala Amarnath. No one had given me as much delight with the bat as he had done. And I always consider unfair the charge that he was a failure in tests. Like me the Australians, who saw him perform on their soil obviously cherish the memory of his batsmanship, which his son Mohinder now kindled, and set them talking about it, comparing father and son.

THE CONTROVERSIAL KISS: Kamalahasan and French actress Katharina enacting a kissing sequence in director T. N. Balu's CHATTAM EN KAIYIL. Will this sequence pass through the censor's scissors under the relaxed rules?

SEE the Surging Crowd CHEERS BHARATH!!

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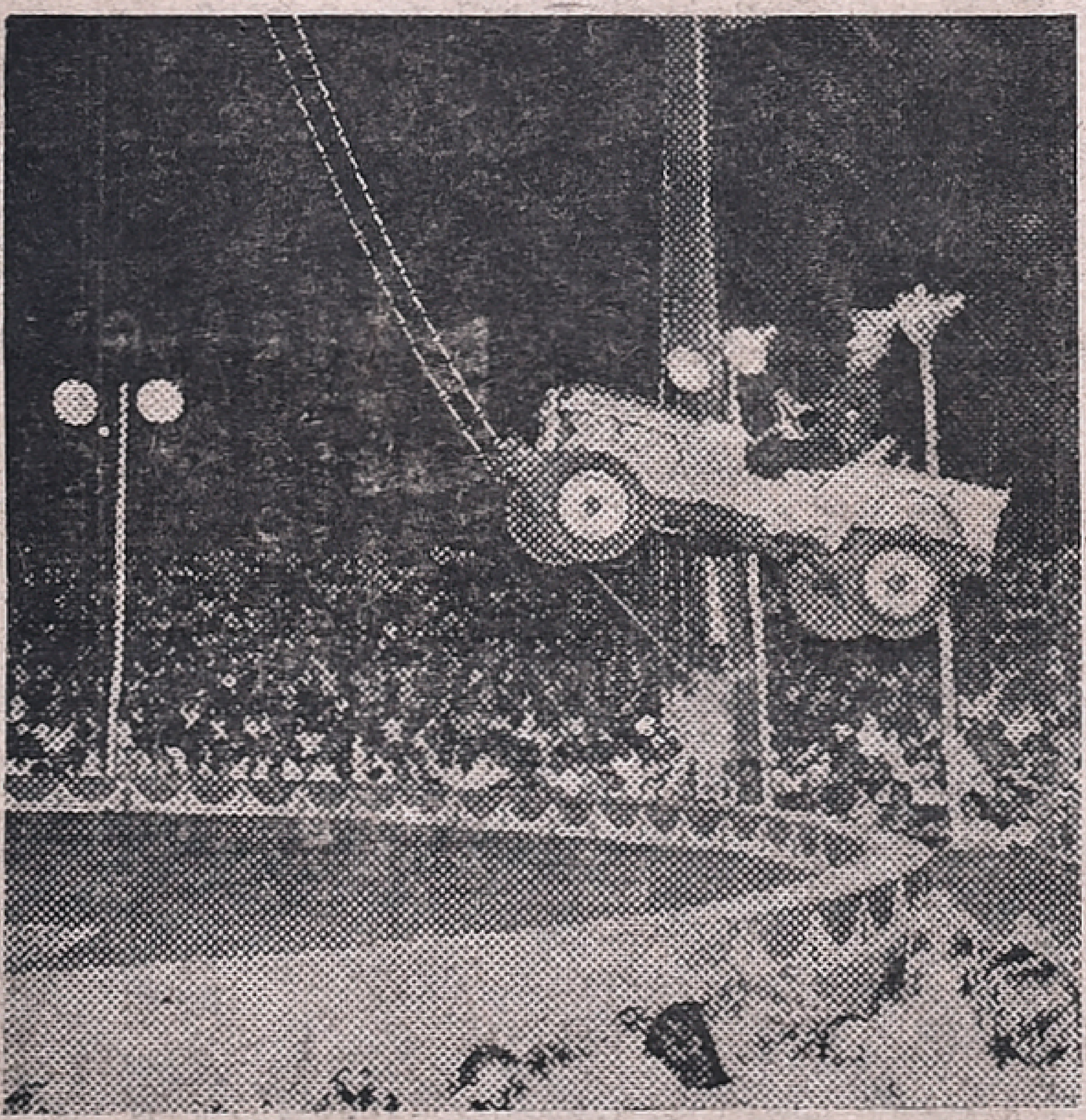

A STUPENDOUS PHENOMENON–A MIGHTY SHOW SURPASSED IN SUPERMACY–A COMBINATION OF MIRTH, THRILLS AND LAUGHTER WIDELY ACCLAIMED AS THE BEST EXTOLLED BHARATH TOPS ALL BIG TOPS IN INTRODUCING NEW THRILLS.

Kattrinile Vurum Geetham

It is good photography and fine directorial touches that go to make Vijayabbaskar Films' colour offering KATTIRINILE VARUM GEETHAM an enjoyable movie.

The story deals with the affairs of the hero with three different girls who resemble one another.

An estate owner, Muthuraman, falls in love with a tribal girl Mohini. When the girl's father refuses to accept the alliance and arranges her marriage with a boy of her own tribe, he elopes with her. But they are intercepted by her father who kills her. He meets another girl, Rosy, and they get married. But it is not to last long. Rosy's boyfriend, out of jealousy, guns her down. Thirdly, he comes across Geetha, who falls in love with him. Plagued with the tragedy of his earlier spouses, he refuses to accept her fearing the same fate may befall her too. But she persists and finally gets married to him.

Kavitha enacts the three roles of the tribal girl, Rosy and Geetha. Muthuraman acts as the hero with much ease. It was Major Sundararajan and Sukumari, as the christian couple, who impresses most. Srikanth as Rosy's boy-friend has done well. Thengai Srinivasan, Asokan, V. Gopalakrishnan and M.N. Rajam are in other supporting roles.

Panju Arunachalam has provided the story, dialogue and songs for the film produced by S. Bhaskar and directed ably by S.P. Muthuraman.

Achani

Lakshmi and Muthuraman are paired together in the Tamil film ACHANI written and directed by Ka a kudi Narayanan.

Based on the stage-play of the same title and put on board many times by Major Sundararajan, the film fails to make the impact the drama had on the audience.

The story exhorts one and all to desist from borrowing even in the wake of worst of crisis.

Muthuraman gives an impressive performance and Lakshmi proves more than equal to him in many sequences. Srikanth has given a dignified performance. Jayachandran is adequate as the rich vagabond. Manorama-Thangavelu-Surulirajan team provide the lighter moments of the film. The music is by Elayaraja.

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